

REMARKS

This amendment seeks to cancel claims 27, 39-79, 82-88, 97,126, 141-143, 147, 148, 154, and 156-162 without prejudice, leaving claims 1-26, 28-38, 80, 81, 89-96, 98-125, 127-140, 144-146, 149-153, and 155 pending in the application.

**A. WHY ENTRY OF THIS AMENDMENT IS APPROPRIATE**

This amendment cancels all rejected claims (27, 39-79, 82-88, 97,126, 147, 148, and 154) and all non-elected claims (141-143 and 156-162). The only claims remaining in the application are those that have been allowed (1-26, 28-38, 80, 81, 89-96, 98-125, 127-140, 144-146, 149-153, and 155). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that entry of this amendment is appropriate under PTO practice rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

**B. WHY ALLOWANCE OF THIS APPLICATION IS APPROPRIATE**

Since only allowed claims 1-26, 28-38, 80, 81, 89-96, 98-125, 127-140, 144-146, 149-153, and 155 remain pending in the application, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for immediate allowance.

**C. CLOSING**

If there remain any issues that may be disposed of via a telephonic interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the local exchange given below.

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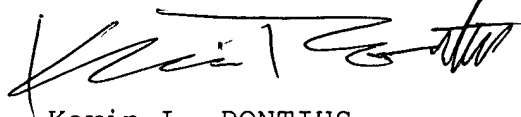
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